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VOTE 320 X YES

The cost constructive measure ever presented to the people of Oregon for their approval is the measure on the ballot this fall providing for the organization of a "State Market Commission." This measure should have the approval of every voter in Oregon who wants to advance the material interests of the state and its most industrious citizens, the farmers.

Under this measure, which was drafted along the lines of the California statute a real step is being taken toward the solution of the most vexing problem which the farmer's of the state are facing.

With the experience of the Californians as a guide Oregon is not experimenting in this law. If it can succeed in California there is no reason why it can not succeed here.

Oregon farmers seldom or never fail in producing an ample crop to provide for themselves an adequate return for their investment and labor—but it cannot be truthfully said that they have always had that return. In fact it can almost be truthfully said that they have never had such a return.

As a matter of justice they are entitled to an adequate return. The speculators, not all of them, but some of them, have at times robbed the farmers. This market commission bill is designed for the purpose of reducing the activities of these speculators to a minimum.

From every source where information is available on the workings of the California law comes words of praise. The Argus recently received copies of letters written the States Taxpayers League by representatives of the California Alfalfa Growers, The Raisin Growers, the Beekeepers, the Prune Growers and Dairymen of California. Also letters from newspaper men, bankers of California, including one from Fred W. Kiesel, who is wellknown to many Ontarians, all praising the results which have followed the co-operative marketing of California producers under the leadership of the State Market Commission.

On another page we are producing the letter of the director of the Alfalfa Growers association. It is self explanatory and at this time it should be seriously considered by the alfalfa growers of Malheur county.

There is but one criticism that The Argus would make concerning the proposed market commission bill. That is the limit placed on the salary of the director. This position calling for the talent and training required is worth at least \$25,000

per year to the producers of Oregon. But the state will undoubtedly be required to call upon some man of outstanding ability, who has made his personal fortune and who will be willing to serve for the opportunity of being of service to the state, and not for the salary that is attached to the office. There are many such men in Oregon and undoubtedly one of them can be secured for this great position.

Given the market commission bill; given the proper co-operation of the producers of the majority of the commodities grown in this state, and then there will be no occasion for the introduction of political nostrums by outside carpet-baggers to solve Oregon's problems. And that is indeed an object worthy of attainment. Vote Yes on 320 for the Market Commission bill.

ARGENTINE BEEF

Jack Fairman of Harper has served to center the attention of Eastern Oregonians to one of the vital if not the vital issue of the present campaign. Mr. Fairman's letters to the papers of the state telling of the presence of Argentine beef in the heart of the Oregon cattle country is attracting state wide attention.

Argentine beef can be found not in Harper alone, but in Ontario and every town in Eastern Oregon. It comes here from the big Swift packing plants in the South American country, for it is wellknown, and the government's revenue reports show the daily arrival of tons and tons of this beef, and every pound of it is in direct competition to the beef grown in Malheur county, fed on Malheur county hay.

No more convincing argument on the question of economics involved in this campaign is possible. The facts speak for themselves. Argentine beef in Malheur county—how can any Malheur county merchant preach the doctrine of "trading at home," while he is offering the stockmen of Malheur County canned beef from the ranges of this county itself? Especially is this true when the beef of Malheur county is a drug on the market and our cattle and hay men are facing a serious situation. It is time to do some thinking on this question.

HOW ABOUT YOUR HOME?

If the interest rat bill proposed is adopted it will mean the loss of many a home to the present owner in the state of Oregon. The five per cent interest bill will drive out of the state every building and loan association, for they would not renew their loans at that rate, when they could place its funds in other states at higher rates. Men and women with homes partially paid for should stop and think of this phase of the question before voting on this measure.

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CONTRADICTING ONESELF

The man or woman who constantly makes contradictory statements is usually the subject of jests. His or her statements are not taken seriously. How can they be, when in the next breath an opposite opinion will be given?

On the other hand the consistent individual whose observations show reasoning and logic is relied upon for their friends have learned that they are reasonable and have judgment.

When it comes to action the same rule holds. The man whose actions square with his words is that one who wins the approval of his fellow men.

He is the man who can be depended upon.

In a few short weeks the people of Oregon are going to determine their choice in the presidential race. There is no doubt concerning the outcome of that decision. At the same time they are to select their candidate for the United States Senate, and as consistent men and women there should be no doubt concerning that decision either.

While men and women may—we would almost say must—differ in political opinions just as they differ in religious beliefs and business judgment—yet there exists no reason at this time why the republican voters should be inconsistent and vote on the one hand for Harding and on the other for Chamberlain. They do not stand for the same things. Their ideas are divergent on the big issue before the people.

Neither is there any reason why the democrats of Oregon should vote for Cox and then turn and vote for Stanford. Likewise they are not in harmony with each other.

After all the real issue of the campaign is the question of tariff. Doory, as many would the question of the tariff—yet it is the big dividing line between the parties. The league of nations is a dead issue—it is as dead as anything in the catacombs—but right now the people of Oregon that is many of them, are beginning to realize that the question of foreign importations of meat, and wool is indeed a mighty important consideration.

Men have long differed on the tariff question, and in all probability always will differ. But when its importance in the minds of either the pro tariff men, or the anti tariff men is realized there certainly is no consistency in voting for a high tariff president and a free trader, or tariff for revenue only Senator.

There is only one consistent course of action on November 2 for the republicans and the Democrats of Oregon, that is to vote their ticket straight where national issues are concerned. There their duty lies, in local and county affairs other questions must be considered and that is an entirely different matter.

THE CITY TICKET

The citizens' caucus last Monday night was a demonstration of the benefits of a community gathering. It demonstrated that when the people get together to solve their community problems that there are many men in the community who have the ability to do the needed work.

In the large number of names submitted for consideration there were many combinations that would have been adequate for the positions, and the ticket selected is one well balanced and capable.

It is true of course that to serve the public without remuneration in any of the positions for which candidates were selected, is a thankless job. Busy men do not want the work, with the attendant complaints, sacrifices of time and energy, but some one must accept. It is true that among the candidates on the city ticket there is not a man who is not now busy with many private affairs, and some who are also carrying more than their share of public responsibility as well. It is apparent that the old truism is here reiterated, that "responsibility gravitates to those who are able to bear it."

While several of the men nominated feel inclined to refuse the honors given them by the nominating convention we feel certain that they also feel their responsibility as citizens and will not evade the duty thus incumbent on them. By reason of their prominence in business life they owe the community the duty of accepting the responsibility and of giving to the public that example of doing the work they are called upon to perform.

While there are others who might serve equally as well yet we hope that the ticket as nominated will be maintained. However if this is not the case, Ontario voters will undoubtedly select men equal to the task.

We have never heard of an Argentine beef or an Australian sheep eating any Malheur county hay, have you? Every Argentine beef sold in

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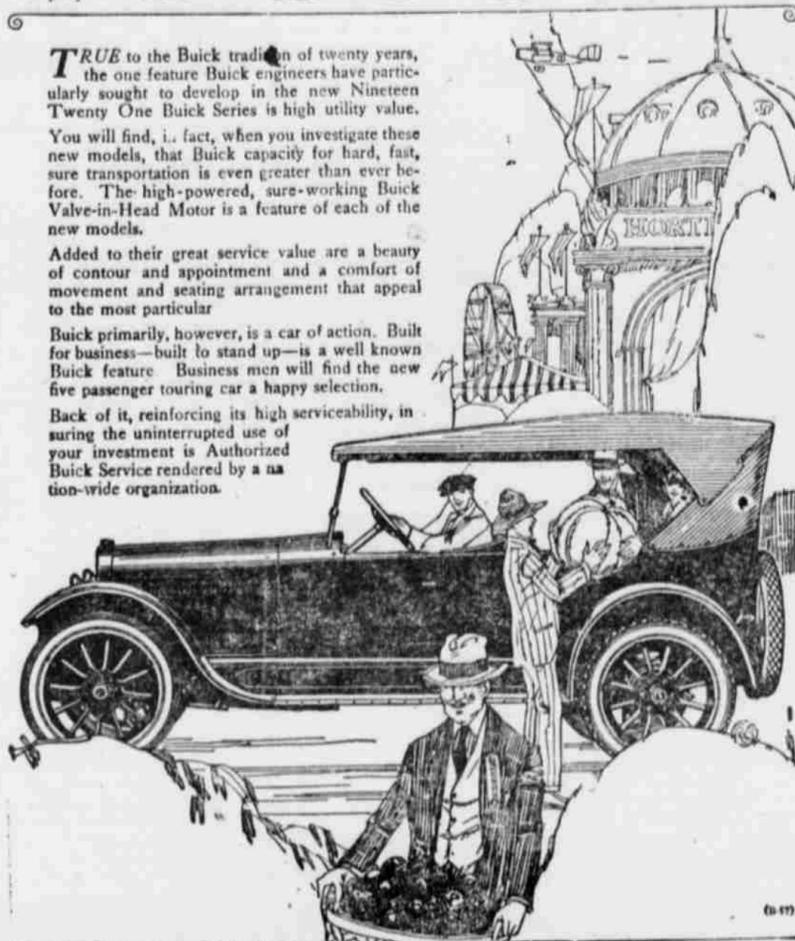


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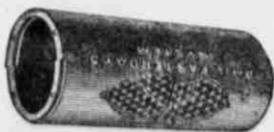
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